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SUBJ: SOVIET SHIP RESCUES AMERICAN SAILOR

1. MFA ADVISES THAT SOVIET MILITARY SHIP HAS PICKED UP AN AMERICAN SAILOR FROM THE OPEN SEA NEAR THE PHILIPPINES.

2. FEDOSEYEV, DEPUTY CHIEF USA DIVISION, TELEPHONED THE INFORMATION. HE SAID THAT THE SAILOR, WHO IDENTIFIED HIMSELF AS MICHAEL DOW, SAID HE HAD FALLEN FROM THE SHIP "BLUE RIDGE" AND HAD BEEN IN WATER FOR 16 HOURS WHEN PICKED UP SEPTEMBER 28. HE WAS GIVEN MEDICAL AID ON THE SOVIET SHIP.

3. FEDOSEYEV SAID THAT THE SOVIET SHIP IS PRESENTLY LOCATED ABOUT 150 MILES SOUTH-WEST OF MANILA, AND WOULD BE PREPARED TO TRANSFER THE SAILOR TO AN AMERICAN SHIP IN THE VICINITY. FEDOSEYEV DID NOT HAVE THE NAME OF THE SOVIET SHIP NOR ITS EXACT LOCATION, BUT SUGGESTED THAT DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT LATER AFTER WE HAVE A RESPONSE FROM WASHINGTON.

4. DAO ADVISES SHIP IS NAVAL VESSEL LCC-19 BLUE RIDGE.
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